



To the University Community:

The Western New England University Safety Committee would like to remind the community that many necessary and important commercial products that we encounter and use in our everyday lives may contain chemicals that require proper disposal. These products are safe to use when following the manufacturer's instructions however responsible use also includes minimizing the impact of these products on the environment. So when using new or unfamiliar products always consult the packaging for proper handling, clean-up and storage procedures.

Just like food, commercial products often are labeled with expiration dates. Over prolonged periods of time, these products may become ineffective or potentially hazardous and should be disposed of if no longer in use. Please be sure to dispose of these properly. Most likely this will NOT involve using the regular trash or sink drain as a means of disposal. If you are unsure about how to properly dispose of a product you no longer need or have collected any waste that you think may be hazardous please know that the Environmental, Safety and Recycling Manager (ESRM) is available to assist with any questions. The ESRM can also schedule a time to pick up any university generated waste, products past their expiration date or simply products you no longer need. For any waste or unwanted products at your house please contact your hometown Department of Public Works.

Below is a list of commonly used commercial products that *may* require disposal on campus through the office of the ESRM:

- Cleaning supplies (bleach, degreasers, drain cleaners)
- Automotive supplies (motor oil, diesel, gasoline, antifreeze)
- Art supplies (paints, paint thinner, solvents)
- Lawn care products (pesticides, insecticides)
- Batteries (rechargeable, car)
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Over-the-counter and prescription medicines, medical testing supplies
- Used cooking oil

Please note that this list is not meant to be an all-inclusive. So when in doubt, don't throw it out. ASK!

We are happy to help you and thank you for your cooperation.